

REMARKS

Claims 14 and 15 are pending in this application and stand allowed. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4-6 and 8-13 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

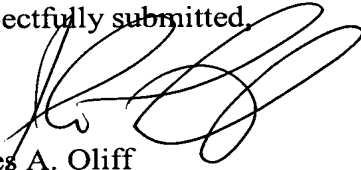
Claims 1, 4-6 and 8-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,021,760 to Krubsack et al. (Krubsack) in view of U.S. Patent 5,432,117 to Okada et al. (Okada). As the rejected claims are no longer pending in this application, rejection of claims 1, 4-6 and 8-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot.

As only allowed claims 14 and 15 are pending, the application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 14 and 15 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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